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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION GENEVA INFO OE CD PARIS FROM SECSTATE MAR WPI REPEATED YOU:

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E.O : 11652/NA
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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND OTHER TAX PRACTICES

REF : A. GENEVA 1336; B. GENEVA 958

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR SUGGESTION (REF. A) REQUEST YOU HOLD UP NOTIFICATION OF OUR ACCEPTANCE OF EC'S NOMINATION OF VOGEL.

2. WE INTEND TO PURSUE OUR EFFORT TO OBTAIN IMF PARTICIPATION ON THE DISC PANELS. THE IMF HAS INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE ON PANELS IF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OECD ALSO PARTICIPATED. WE HOPE THAT IMF AND OECD EACH WILL AGREE TO SUBMIT MEMBER OF THEIR STAFF FOR CONSIDERATION AS TAX EXPERTS WITHOUT CONDITIONING EACH'S AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE ON PANELS ON THE OTHER'S PARTICIPATION. BUT SINCE IT IS POSSIBLE IMF
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MAY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE ONLY IF OECD IS REPRESENTED ON

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PANELS, IT MAY BE WISE TO HOLD UP ACCEPTANCE OF VOGEL AT THIS TIME.

3. THEREFORE WE REQUEST THAT U.S. MISSION OECD APPROACH OECD TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY OF HACKET TO SERVE AS TAX EXPERT ON PANELS. WE DO NOT WISH TO SUBMIT HACKET'S NOMINATION TO EC AND SEC. AT THIS TIME AS WE PREFER TO ASCERTAIN AVAILABILITY OF ALL PROSPECTIVE TAX EXPERT CAN-

DIDATES BEFORE DECIDING WHICH WE WILL NOMINATE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EC'S POSITION AS REPORTED REF. B IS THAT IT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. BUT THAT IT WOULD EXPECT THE U.S. TO ACCEPT ONE OF THE THREE EXPERTS NOMINATED BY EC. WE WILL FACE THIS PROBLEM WHEN AND IF THE IMF AND OECD EACH CONDITION THEIR AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE ON DISC PANELS ON THE OTHER'S PARTICIPATION. KISSINGER

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